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1. FRENCH MAKING CONSIDERABLE EFFORT SELL SECAM SYSTEM TO GHANA TV. UPON RETURN RECENTLY OF GHANA COMMISSIONER FOR INFORMATION FROM FRANCE DECISION ANNOUNCED THAT GHANA BROADCASTING WOULD GO COLOR. GOVERNMENT RESPONDED TO PROTEST THAT COUNTRY COULD NOT AFFORD LUXURY OF COLOR TV BY STATING THAT TRANSITION NOW VERY ESSENTIAL SINCE PRODUCERS TV EQUIPMENT NO LONGER PRODUCING B AND W EQUIPMENT AND GHANA ALREADY FINDING IT DIFFICULT ACQUIRE SPARES. DURING TV DISCUSSION AIRED OVER GBC LAST EVENING, POINT MADE THAT WHETHER SECAM OR PAL SYSTEM ADOPTED, DIRECTION NIGERIA WAS TAKING SHOULD INFLUENCE DECISION. ALSO POINT MADE THAT GOG TEAM WOULD SOON VISIT HOLLAND TO WITNESS ADVANTAGES PAL SYSTEM. HOWEVER REMARKS ATTRIBUTED TO GHANA COMMISSIONER FOR INFORMATION INTIMATING THAT FRENCH OFFER TOO GOOD TO PASS UP INDICATE THAT DECISION MAY HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE.

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2. LAGOS: IN CONVERSATION THIS A.M. WITH FIRSTSEC GERMAN EMBASSY

LATTER REQUESTED OUR ASSISTANCE ASCERTAIN STATUS CURRENT DEVELOP-
MENTS IN LAGOS CONCERNING COLOR TV. CAN YOU HELP?

3. WOULD BE HELPFUL OBTAIN ARTICLES AND INFORMATION ON
RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN U.S. IN REFINING COLOR TV EQUIPMENT.
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